had incurred an expenditure of Rs. 718 crores under this programme with the following achievements:—

(i) urban poor assisted through micro enterprises — 3.44 lakhs

(ii) urban poor assisted through training — 3.07 lakhs

(iii) mandays of work generated — 379.33 lakhs

(c) to (e) No, Sir as this is not in line with the guidelines of existing schedules.

Policy to Enhance Employment Opportunities

† 3793. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any policy to enhance the avenues of employment in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA):

(a) and (b) The Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation has launched a unified centrally sponsored Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme named Swama Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) with effect from 1-12-1997, subsuming all previous programmes, with a view to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or under-employed poor through (i) encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have read upto 9th standard and (ii) provision of wage employment by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. The scheme is funded in the ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and the States.

Conversion of shops from selected use to general use

3794. MISS FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of shops which have been converted from selected use to general use since 23rd February, 1995, in South Zone, year-wise, specifically mentioning the date of conversion and amount charged from conversion;

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(b) whether it is a fact that in some cases the conversion charge have been between Rs. 5,000/- to Rs. 15,000/- only; and

(c) if so, the list of such shops alongwith amount ot conversion charges and the date of conversion ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) The information is being coUected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

DM RC proposal for Dwarka CP connection

† 3795. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation is considering a proposal to connect the Dwarka Sub-city area with Connaught Place by a metro rail connectivity in the first phase;

(b) if so, whether necessary changes in the metro blue print have been carried out to this effect; and

(c) by when, the work in this direction is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) The connectivity from Connaught Place to Dwarka is already a part of the total MRTS for Delhi. However, for considering this corridor in the first phase, the DMRC is getting the Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared for this corridor. In the absence of a DPR, it would be premature to take a decision on this issue.

Private sector participation in Garbage collection work

3796. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have in a Central scheme, invited private sector participation in garbage collection work in urban metropolitan areas of the country;

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